STLAND, Me., Dec. 19 .- This has been bad year for the great fleet of schooners at call Maine home and carry coal and iber along the coast; but business has picking up lately and it is hoped that ght rates will be back at the old figures efore long. Rates on coal from Southern orts-Norfolk, Baltimore, Newport News para from 90 cents to \$1 a ton before the panic. The echooner fleet made an average of 20 per cent. on the invest-

When the panic came business all but opped and freight rates dropped to te a ton, then to 67 cents, to 50 cents, id even as low as 35 cents. At such rates big freighters were not averaging ver 8 per cent., which, considering the stards of the business, is very small.

The big schooners are now all coal arriers. They leave Portland or Boston hit, sail down the coast to one of the oft coal ports, load and return. On the mge a week is allowed for the trip of unloading. Thus the round trip mes just about a month.

As soon as the receipts and expendiss are figured out a settlement is made ith the owners. If a vessel plays in od luck and is able to make twelve trips ha year the part owner gets twelve hecks in the twelve months This prompt ment at the end of each voyage one of the features of the system foled by Maine ship owners.

nente are made monthly and every at is accounted for. To the landlubber. Lleast, they are novel in their terms and orm, as will be seen by a sample state-ant of one of the big six masters. STATEMENT NO. 8.

To dividend No. 8 among owners Aug. 14, 1907. To stamps, stationery and petties for nce due owners-carried to state-

balance brought from statement No. 7. 34 82 Fright Baltimore to Bos-ton on 5,300 tons coal @ 90c. 84,880 00 The trimming of the coal is the evening

of it on board the vessel, and the "gratuity to trimmers," always \$1, is presumably a all of beer. The master's (captain's) wages, it wil

seen, are only \$40 a month, but he gets image on freight, which percentage or edy and safe voyage makes him careful and energetic. On an average he gets out a \$500 salary and a percentage of respectable figure of \$3,000. In almost swery case too the captain is part owner in his vessel. He is likely to own 1-94th, and is almost sure to own 1-128th.

The laundry bill of \$1 does not seem excessive when it is considered that there is a captain, a first and second mate and a crew of from ten to twelve men on board and they have been at sea a week.

It is astounding the amount of coal one of these six masters can and does carry.

these six masters can and does carry. e recently launched Edward B. Winslow a capacity of nearly 6,000 tons. That

capacity of nearly 6,000 tons. That nt of coal would fill a dozen freight

amount of coal would fill a dozen freight trains of forty cars each.

It has been a moot question as to how large schooners could be built and still its safely and easily handled. The fate of the seven master Thomas W. Lawrence rawe warning that the limit of safety in that case had probably been exceeded. As any rate that was the only seven master uilt and the exp riment is not likely soon to be repeated.

With the six masters good luck has been and thus far in spite of the fact that many edges still shake their heads over them and say they cannot be easily handled and turned in a storm. In the last four-term years cut of twenty-eight schooners built by Peroy & Small of Bath six were as masters, twelve five masters and ten

sery sery stot. of weatly-eight schoolers will by Percy & Small of Bath six were in masters. The first six master was the Eleanor A. Stoy, built in 1900, and 323.5 feet long, with ionnage of 3,401. The next six master will by the firm was the Addie M. Lawence, in 1922. Her length was cut to a feet and her tonnage to 2,807. The ath G. Merrill, in 1904, came next; length feet and tonnage 3,003. Then came a Alice M. Lawrence, in 1906, length feet, tonnage 3,132.

The Alice behaved so well that it was edded that overcaution had been exerted in the cases of the Addie and the text, and in the construction of the dward J. Lawrence, built in 1908, the run's architect returned to nearly the fures of the first six master. The dward J.'s measurements are: Length, 32 feet, breadth, 50; depth, 28.9; gross inage, 3,350.

As soon as the Edward J. Lawrence and the ways in April of this year.

The the early days two men would own a small schooner. When a larger boatwas built perhaps four men would chip in. Then as the schooners grew larger and more expensive the shares were divided into eighths, sixteenths, thirty-seconds, sixty-fourths, 128ths and 256ths. This last is the fraction generally employed.

sixty-fourths, 128ths and 256ths. This last is the fraction generally employed to-day. You can thus be an owner in one of these great six masters to the extent of one 256th part for a little less than \$700.

In these modern built schooners there is little to recall the days of bardship and privation on board the merchant marine. The after house on the Winslow is finished in quartered oak and mahogany marine. The after house on the Winelow is finished in quartered oak and mahegany with gold trimmings. There are state-rooms, a guests' room and bathrooms. The cabin furniture is finished in leather, the foors are covered with Oriental and velvet rugs, there are electric lights and teachers.

What with storms, derelicts and faulty what with storms, derenots and faulty navigation the coastwise trade is beest with dangers and each winter claims a quota of the feet; but the wrecks are generally vessels of the smaller type and eften of a good old age. The Gov. Ames, which recently had an unusually severe trip north, is 20 years old and still hale and hearty.

As to insurance none of the schooners insured en bloc, but the owner of area to whatever extent may secure mrance. In such case both his risk of profit are cut down.

85,000 FOR A VACHT MODEL. DOCKS FOR DREADNOUGHTS Commodere Plant Orders a Perfect

Commodore Morton F. Plant last wir ter had the big steam yacht Iolanda built in a British yard from designs by Cox & King, the well known London naval architects. The Iolanda is one of the largest and one of the most handsomely fitted yachts afloat.,

Now Commodore Plant has commis-sioned H. E. Beucher, the model builder to make a model of his yacht which he will keep at his summer residence at New London to show his visitors.

Mr. Boucher is to leave here nex Wednesday on the steamship Teutonic for Marseilles to take the measure of the Iolanda and to get photographs of the interior of that vessel in order to build the model, which according to contract is to be completed in four months. C. K. G. Billings, who recently had the big steamer Vanadis built on the

other side, has had two models made. One shows the vessel as she appears affeat and the other is a model as it would appear if cut in half from stem to stern. These two models cost \$2,000 each, but the one that is to be built for Commodore Plant will be more complete in every buy something of a cruising yacht.

This model is to show the interior and the exterior of the yacht. It is to be built to scale one-quarter inch to the foot. The Iolanda is 305 feet over all length and the model will be 6.35 feet long. The model will not be cut longitudinally through the centre but will be broken open at different parts so as to show the whole of the interior, and every fitting will be made to scale Every block used in the rigging will have a sheave that will work. The boat falls can be used to raise or lower the launches, the motors in the launches will be made to turn over, the taps in the bathrooms and at all the basins can be turned on or off and the fittings will all be made to scale and of the same wood as the originals are made. The decorations too will be the same on the model as on the big yacht. This model will be the most costly that

has yet been built. Mr. Boucher has made models for the Mr. Boucher has made models for the Navy and Army departments, for the New York Yacht Club and for many other clubs and yachtsmen and he runs a regu-lar shipbuilding plant on Maiden lane. The models of the transports for the Army Department wer: the first big models that Mr. Boucher built and now he is at work on a model which is to be ex-hibited at the Yukon exhibition at Seattle next summer by the Army Department.
This will be a tank showing a harbor.
Forts will guard the harbor and contact
mines are to be placed in the water. A
battleship is to float into the harbor and come in contact with a mine, which will explode and blow up the battleship.

TRAIN FOR ENGLISH ROYALTY Luxurious Furnishings of the New Car Built for King Edward.

From the Scientific American. three railway corporations trolling the East Coast route between London and Scotland have just completed a new and luxuriously fitted royal train for the exclusive use of their Majesties King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra and other

erto when the royal family have travelled over portions of the East Coast route the train built some years ago at the London Wolverton has been utilized; but now the 2.500, making his yearly earnings the East Coast companies are in possession of their own special train.

over the body. 9 feet wide and 12 feet 11 inches high from rail level to top of roof. It is constructed of teak with a steel underbogies. Entrance is obtained from double doors opening inward at each end: the mouldings round the panels and windows are of gilt brass and the centre of the bottom panels is ornamented with his Majesty's handles extending from the cornice to the floor. The outside panels are of specially selected figured teak and the centre panel bears his Majesty's coat of arms. Commencing at one end the saloon is divided as follows: Entrance balcony. smoke room, day saloon, bedroom or din- the Pope to stay in bed. ing room, dressing room, attendant's com-

The bedroom, or dining room, is fourteen feet long and the walls are panelled and enamelled white, the furniture being in mahogany inlaid with kingwood and covered with fine old rose colored silk damask with used for day journeys the bed is taken out dining room. In order to give uniformity of effect all of these rooms, with the exception of the attendant's compartment, are carpeted slike with a fine plain Saxony pile old rose carpet, and all the curtains and blinds are of soft green silk, with white silk embroidery. In addition to electric radiators the saloon is heated by means of warmed air, which is delivered into the various compartments through ducts from electric blowers situated in the attendant's compartment. Ventilation is also afforded in the same way, and the by means of electric exhausters.

the King two special saloons have been constructed for his Majesty's suite and friends, which are vestibuled on to the

connage, 3.350.

As soon as the Edward J. Lawrence has off the ways in April of this year has firm began the building of another in the Edward B. Winslow. The wessel, the Edward B. Winslow has wes launched November 24 last indies now or her first trip to Norfolk for coal. She is 318.4 feet long, 50 feet deep, with a gross connage of 3.424. She will carry about 5.000 tons of coal.

In her great hull is some of the largest and finest timber ever put together, and the is strapped with steel, which gives her an AI rating for sixteen years. Her life, with good luck, should not be less than twenty-five years.

There is a curious history to the division of shares in these big schooners. The Edward B. Winslow cost about \$175,000 and there are probably about thirty owners who are scattered ever the country.

The days two men would own

of the State 75,090.

The price of good for skins reached the highest notch last winter, even red pelts commanding \$4.50 to \$5 each, as against belts commanding \$4.50 to \$5 each, as against \$3.50 two years ago and \$2.25 five years ago. One for skin in 200 is from a "cross" fex. and is valued at \$30, one in 10,000 is a silver gray and is worth from \$200 to \$300, and perhaps one in 500,000 is a pure and radiant black, which may bring \$500 or even \$1,500, thus making the coat of the black for the most valuable garment worn by any shimal on top of the earth.

Bread Like Grandmother Made.

From the Topeka Journal. Governor-elect W. R. Stubbs when he started out on his campaign eight months ago was entertained at a Kansas home where salt rising bread was served. It was like the sait rising bread his grand-mother used to make. When he came home from a trip he called his daughter, Lenora, into the study and closed the door. Just what the Governor-elect said to bis daughter is not known except that they entered into a little private contract where-by Lenora was to learn to make him esti-rising bread and in turn the father was to give her a valuable present.

The result of it all is that Miss Stubbe went to work at her task. At first, of course, she had to throw out several "bak-ings" to the chickens, but she soon learned the art, and now, when the new Governor takes possession of the executive mansion, he will have good salt rising bread three times a day. entered into a little private contract where-

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inherited \$375,000 and at once started to spend it. His extravagances have been the talk of the town. Just before the Neva was frozen over he entertained his friends on one of the islands in the most sumptuous manner, the guests being conveyed by, a specially built lux-

What their host did not tell them was that the entertainment was meant as a grand finale of his spendthrift career and that he had come to the end of his resources. The idea of selling the splendid yacht occurred to him, but with the extravagance worthy of a Nero he decided that no one should have the use of it after him, and so he sank it with all its gorgeous

fittings in the Nevs Offers of well paid employment the young man refused because he was honest ough to recognize that he lacked the ability to do the work with credit. All he was fit for, he declared, was to be a street scavenger.

Needless to say he got the job. So now the young dandy who used to spend money at the rate of \$1,000 daily sweeps the streets at \$4 a week and is philosophic

The tests of Prof. Majorana's wireless telephone which are being carried on in the Italian navy have proved entirely successful and it is very probable that the system will be soon adopted on all war vescels. The last trial was made torpedo destroyer Lanciere off the coast for undergraduate pranks. of Sicily near Trapani, a distance of over each end not only heard distinctly every word spoken but could even recognize the voice of the speaker.

The Minister of Marine is enthusiastic over the invention, which he hopes is capable of further improvements so that it can be used over longer distances. Even in its present state it is invaluable for naval squadrons. The details of the invention are kept secret, but it is known special microphone through which passes a continual jet of water.

The Pope, says Dr. Petacci, the Ponmerely a formality. Pius X. often tells well as I can from memory and a few Dr. Petacci that his post is a sinecure rough notes made during the few minutes and when recently he was contemplating I had available. a reform of the Vatican departments he the post of doctor.

The Pope never complains of any ailants, informs the doctor, and in such cases the northeast corner of Parvum Tibet, audiences should be stopped for a while, but the Pope invariably replies: "Give me all the medicines you like,

but do not let me be idle." A fortnight ago the Pope caught a bad cold and the doctor insisted on his stopping the audiences. The Pope first re- Lingui, corresponding with Dr. Sven fused point blank, but later he was per- Hedin's suaded by his sisters to follow the doctor's advice. He rested for two days, but on the third he gave orders for public the Brahmaputra is shown as entering audiences to be granted, and when the a very large lake from which three rivers doctor went to the Vatican he found him issue, flowing, two in a southerly and in the audience chamber.

"I am cured," the Pope said, but the doctor said he was not, and he added the western of which is undoubtedly the that a relapse was possible.

for several days and he inaugurated The third river flows in a southeasterly cipher. On each side of the doors are gilt the exhibition of jubilee gifts in the direction into the China Sea Sala delle Carte Geografiche, a draughty corresponds with the Mekong. If this and unheated hall. On the following day large lake really exists it has yet to be while giving audience to some pilgrims he felt himself unwell and could not talk so the doctor was called and he ordered He passed a very bad night. Then

Dr. Petacci insisted on calling in Prof. Dr. Marchiafava, the consulting physician. The Pope objected strongly. He said he was well and one doctor was sufficient to cure a slight cold. Besides, green silk embroidered cushions. When he added, if Dr. Marchiafava was summoned to the Vatican the Cardinals residing abroad would think that he was suffering from a serious illness and hasten to Rome for the Conclave.

We must prevent this, doctor," the Pope said jokingly, "as every one knows that my pontificate will last four years

The Pope alluded to the coincidence that his life so far has been divided into periods of nine years. He was nine years was constrained to issue a departmental curate at Tombolo, nine years parish order to the petticoated officials of the post priest at Salzano, nine years canon at office in which he bade them remember and finally nine years more Patriarch of be better carried on, and with less fric-Venice

feelded that the Pope should have a full week's complete rest. He is almost well now and before long the audiences

THE SUN, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1908.

will again begin Not since the famous Sultan of Zanzibar hoax, when some undergraduates mis led the authorities by getting one of their number to masquerade as the Sultan, have Cambridge undergraduates perpetrated saful a joke as during the run of "The Merry Widow" at Cambridge Theatre.

There is a rule that undergraduates shall not engage a box at the theatre unless they are accompanied by a lady, who must be a relative, and this rule four students set themselves to break. One night "The Merry Widow" divided the attention of the audience with a beauteous being who sat in the middle of box C, with three undergraduates daneing attendance upon her.

The fair stranger was faultlessly gowned in white satin shimmering with sequins and had a beautiful head of hair. There was much speculation as to who the stranger could be and undergraduates in the stalls cast many envious glances up

Next day the secret was known. The distinguished "lady" was an undergraduate who with three companions had thus succeeded in breaking the varsity The costume was designed by a West End court dressmaker and the beautiful head of hair was by a famous theatrical wig maker.

Before the performance the party were photographed. They dined at a fashionable restaurant and then drove to the theatre in a taxicab. In the vestibule a few days ago between the wireless sta- of the theatre they encountered the tion of Monte Mario at Rome and the managing director, who has a keen eye

So completely successful was the make-560 kilometers. The naval officers at up, however, that he was deceived, and that evening was remarkable for the clever acting on both sides of the footlighto.

A correspondent writes to the London Standard that Dr. Sven Hedin's discoveries in Tibet were forestalled by the early Venetians. He says:

"Many of your readers are no doubt acquainted with the interesting maps on the walls of the Sala Dello Scudo in the that the system is mainly based on a Doge's Palace at Venice, representing the countries visited by the early Venetians. At a recent visit to Venice when nspecting these I was surprised to see that the great range of mountains which tifical physician, is his worst patient. Dr. Sven Hedin has recently discovered Ordinarily Dr. Petacci visits the Pope and the two lakes which he explored are three times a week, but these visits are clearly shown, and I will describe them as

"A country marked Parvum Tibet is jokingly said that he intended abolishing shown on the map occupying about the same position as the Pamir Plateau, the eastern boundary of which is a range ment, but if he is suffering from a cold of mountains running north from the or overfatigues himself his secretary, western end of the Himalayas, and from Mgr. Bressan, or one of his private attend- the north end of this range, which is also Dr. Petacci insists on examining the Pope the great range starts and runs almost prescribes a remedy. Generally due east through Tibet to China. A doctor suggests that the public river which is evidently the Brahmaputra is shown as running along the south side of this range, and starts from two lakes at the western end of the range. These lakes are apparently Dr. Sven Hedin's lakes, Manasarowar and Rakas-tal. Two towns are shown near the lakes, one called Barkha, and the other called Cangan, with his Toschen.

"Toward the eastern end of the range and one in a southeasterly direction

"Two flow into the Bay of Bengal, Brahmaputra, and the eastern may be Still the Pope continued his audiences intended for the Irrawady, or Salween. rediscovered, as it does not appear on modern maps.

"These maps are stated in the official guide book to have been painted on the walls in 1782 by Grisellini from originals which were drawn by Ramusio, who died in 1557. Ramusio compiled the maps from information supplied by Venetian merchants and travellers, and among these was Cesare Federici, a merchant who was in Persia, and it seems probable that to this man Europe owes its first knowledge of the existence of this mighty range of mountains with its lake system.

"I would not in any way wish to detract from the excellent work done by Dr. Sven Hedin; still due credit should be given to these ancient Venetian geogra-

Some years ago the Postmaster-General Treviso, nine years Bishop of Mantua, that the work of the department could Venice tion, if they would adopt a more con-Dr. Petacci, however, insisted on ciliatory attitude toward the public. calling his colleague and the two doctors The hint was sufficient and the young

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are now on the best of terms. It is now the turn of the telephonists The post office authorities have, owing to daily, indeed almost hourly, complaints found it necessary to impress upon their staff the need for the observance of at least the outward forms of courtesy. The official circular contains a notice headed *Standard expressions to be used by telephonists engaged on trunk work." It

"In order that abrupt, uncouth expressions may be avoided in the telephone service telephonists are in future to make use of the following expressions in connection with their work. A telephonia at the position answering a call should announce her presence by saying 'Trunk' number, please.' Failing to hear what a subscriber says, she should say 'Please repeat,' and so on.

"If a subscriber has been kept waiting more than the regulation time the tele-phonist should add 'Sorry to have kept you waiting."

> One Way to Appear Young. From the Boston Record.

A wise young woman gives as her reason for to anybody they are very apt to conclude from my bandwriting that I have been out of school but a few years, and accordingly I will be considered a real young woman.

"This does not count for so much at present,

for I am only 23 years, but it may count a great deal in getting me a start in the friendship of a man later. I will not of course tie about my age. but I wil' get a more favorable start.'

RETURN OF THE CHAPERON. and then dismisses her charge from her English Society Finds It Cannot Do

For two seasons the chaperon in London society of the highest class found her Boy and girl dances, cupation gone. with the hostess for sole duenna, were the first step to her dismissal, and young womanhood soon found itself almost completely emancipated. It was regarded as quite dowdy to be accompanied in the usual manner of past years by a married friend, who was supposed to have one in her charge during a dance

or at the play. propriety of this state of things. Others ook very kindly to it. After all the lot of the chaperon is not "roses, roses all the way." The society of other chaperons, hints a writer in the Queen, is not nvariably found to be stimulating But the season just passed has called them into requisition again. Society gave

to reject it

Perhaps the chaperon was a little too conscientious in the performance of her duties. Certain it is that she now takes a much lighter view of them. She has learned her lesson.

Her former idea that the girl in her charge should return to her after every or nearly every dance has been corrected. No longer does she need to take up her certifien in some corper easily accessible. No longer does she need to take up her position in some corner easily accessible to partners and readily discernible by the chaperoned By the new order of things her mere presence in the bouse is all that is required. She arranges where she may be found a hould the girl need her, settles with the latter the hour of going home. The product with matrimony by giving a connected wit

and then dismisses her charge from her mind for the evening.

One of the principal duties of the Victorian chaperon was to encourage eligible partners and to discourage detrimentals. This would be regarded as unwarrantable interference by the emancipated girl of the present moment. What would be her indignation if the lady should venture to look for her in the various necks for sitting out without which no hostess would dream of giving a dance?

Yet such things as these were done by the stern duepna of Victoruian days.

would dream of giving a dance?
Yet such things as these were done by
the stern duenna of Victoruian days.
She now has learned per place and has
taken to heart Talleyrand's immorial
saying, "Surtout, pas trop de zele!"
But why has she been reinstated? The
other plan was found unsatisfactory. All
concerned have found it so.
The hostess first perceived that her
responsibility became heavy. The mothers of girls invited discovered that the
disadvantages of the situation at times
became acute. The girls themselves
acknowledged that ever ready scandal
found a freer tongue when no chaperon
was present to offer a shield against
calumny. They found that they were
positively more at liberty to do as they
liked when chaperoned than could be
possible otherwise. the new plan a fair trial and then decided

liked when chaperoned than could be possible otherwise.

Last of all, but far from being least, young men prefer the presence of the chaperon. How get rid of a girl after a dance if one cannot take her back to one appointed spot?

The situation had other difficulties. Sitting out with a charming girl is all very well for half an hour or so, but the amusement if prolonged is apt to lead to risks

ment if prolonged is apt to lead to risks connected with matrimony by giving a

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